

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings of Florida amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a pilot project to improve recruitment of ethnic and cultural minorities and women with diverse skills and language abilities.

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Kucinich amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to direct the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct an audit of all communications between the CIA and the Office of the Vice President that relate to weapons of mass destruction obtained or developed by Iraq; and

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Lee amendment No. 6 printed H. Rept. 108–176 was offered that seeks to require a GAO study on the extent of intelligence sharing by the Department of Defense and intelligence community with United Nations inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction.

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Withdrawn:

Cox amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–176 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike Sec. 336, Improvement of Information Sharing Among Federal, State, and local Government Officials.

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H. Res. 295, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Taylor of Mississippi moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:23 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Amendment: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5929–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5847–48, H5848–49, H5849, H5881, H5881–82, and H5882–83. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Committee Meetings

USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr,

Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES; INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; Interior and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

GSE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “GSE Oversight: The Need for Reform and Modernization.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAVING TAXPAYER MONEY THROUGH SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Money Through Sound Financial Management.” Testimony was heard from Angela M. Antonelli, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

OVERSIGHT—WINNING THE WAR ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—STATUS OF DOD REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Winning the War on Financial Management—Status of the Department of Defense Reform.” Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lawrence J. Lanzillotta, Principle Deputy and the Deputy Under Secretary, Management Reform, Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Paul Granetto, Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, Office of the Inspector General.

CANADIAN DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on “The Practical and Economical Aspects of Canadian Drug Importation.” Testimony was heard from Representative Gutknecht; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AND COMMERCIAL POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OCEANIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policy and Commercial Policy in Southeast Asia and

Oceania. Testimony was heard from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Ralph F. Ives, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Asia-Pacific and APEC Affairs.

TRAFFICKING—GLOBAL TRENDS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on "Global Trends in Trafficking and the Trafficking in Persons Report." Testimony was heard from John Miller, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Director, Office of Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

IRAN-LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT—INCREASING THREATS FROM IRAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Enforcement of the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and Increasing Security Threats from Iran (Part 1). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles English, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Anna Borg, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; and Philo Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003 HEALTH SAVINGS AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, under a modified closed rule. The rule provides three hours of debate in the House on H.R. 1 equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment to H.R. 1 printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1 with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2596, H.R. 2596, Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2003, on the legislative day of June 26 or June 27, 2003, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 2596 equally divided and controlled by the

chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2596. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2596 with or without instructions. Section 3 of the resolution provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1, the clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2596, as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1, and then lay H.R. 2596 on the table. Section 4 of the resolution provides that during consideration of H.R. 1 and H.R. 2596, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of either bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Section 5 of the resolution provides that it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July. Section 6 of the resolution provides that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight on Thursday, July 3, 2003, to file a report to accompany a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut, Walden of Oregon, Buyer, Gutknecht, Burgess, Gingrey, Sandlin, Pallone, Brown of Ohio, Strickland, Capps, Kaptur, Cooper, Dooley, Sanders, Hastings of Florida, McGovern, Larson of Connecticut, and Emanuel.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for FY 2004 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that during the remainder of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, the Speaker may entertain motions that the House suspend the rules on Wednesdays as though under clause 1 of rule XV.

FOREIGN CURRENCY MANIPULATION EFFECT ON SMALL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Effect of Foreign Currency Manipulation on Small Manufacturers and Exporters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow Federal Building"; H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse," H.R. 2144, amended, Aviation Security Technical Corrections and Improvements Act of 2003; H.R. 2443, amended, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003; H.R. 2535, amended, Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2572, Amtrak Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2571, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century; and H.R. 2573, Public Private Partnership Act.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2297, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve certain benefits for veterans.

SECURE AMERICA'S BORDERS—ASSESS DHS INITIATIVES

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Assessment of DHS Initiatives to Secure America's Borders." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security.

CYBER PROBLEM OVERVIEW

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Overview of the Cyber Problem: A Nation Dependent and Dealing with Risk." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the

Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine affiliate sharing practices in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1264, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1262, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, an original bill authorizing funds for TEA-21 programs, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate strongly supports the nonproliferation programs of the United States, S. Res. 62, calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba, S. Res. 149, expressing the sense of the Senate that the international response to the current need for food in the Horn of Africa remains inadequate, and the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the